

641—138.2 (147A) Purpose and duties.

138.2(1) The TSAC shall advise the department on issues and strategies to achieve optimal trauma care delivery throughout the state.

138.2(2) Duties of the TSAC shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Annually reviewing Iowa Administrative Code rules related to the trauma care system to make recommendations to the department for changes to further promote optimal trauma care, including but not limited to review of this chapter and the following chapters:

- (1) 641—Chapter 134, Trauma Care Facility Categorization and Verification.
- (2) 641—Chapter 135, Trauma Triage and Transfer Protocols.
- (3) 641—Chapter 136, Trauma Registry.
- (4) 641—Chapter 137, Trauma Education and Training.

b. Assisting the department in development and implementation of an Iowa trauma care plan inclusive of all aspects of the statewide trauma system utilizing a system assessment and annual benchmarking.

c. Developing and maintaining criteria for the categorization of all hospitals and emergency care facilities according to their trauma care capabilities. These categories shall be for Levels I, II, III, and IV, based on the most current guidelines published by the American College of Surgeons' committee on trauma, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the model trauma care plan of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. These criteria are established in 641—Chapter 134, and TSAC shall, pursuant to paragraph 138.2(2)“*a.*,” annually review the criteria.

d. Developing and maintaining a process for the verification of the trauma care capacity of each facility and the issuance of a certificate of verification. This process is established in 641—Chapter 134, and TSAC shall, pursuant to paragraph 138.2(2)“*a.*,” annually review the process.

e. Developing and maintaining standards for medical direction, trauma care, and triage and transfer protocols. These standards are established in 641—Chapter 135, and TSAC shall, pursuant to paragraph 138.2(2)“*a.*,” annually review these standards.

f. Developing and maintaining standards for trauma registries. These standards are established in 641—Chapter 136, and TSAC shall, pursuant to paragraph 138.2(2)“*a.*,” annually review these standards.

g. Collaborating with the department to develop trauma standards for medical direction, procedures, and protocols to support a statewide trauma system.

h. Developing, implementing, and conducting trauma care system evaluation, quality assessment, and quality improvement in coordination with the department.

i. Partnering with the department to promote public information and educational activities for injury prevention and in support of the statewide trauma system.